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Notice of Allowability

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Sana Al-Hashemi

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 1/28/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10, 13-21, 33, 35, 37-54 as renumbered 1-39.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Sana Al-Hashemi/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2156

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is issued in response to amendment filed 12/1/08.

Claims 1-10, 13-21, 33, 35, 37-40, were amended. Claims 11-12, 22-32, 34, and 36 were canceled. Claims 41-54, were added.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Marc V. Richards on 1/28/09.

The specification at page 179, line 18, and at page 182, line 17, discloses the use of the term "claim handler" to indicate the person who carries out a task.

Claim 1, lines 18-19, Claim 8, lines 17-18, Claim 15, lines 11-12, Claim 41, lines 22-23, Claim 46, lines 19-20, Claim 50, lines 14-15:
"wherein said tasks ~~can be~~ are carried out by ~~an employee~~ a claim handler to achieve a goal upon completion".

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record, or that encountered during search by the examiner, fails to anticipate, or suggest the claimed provision of a computer program product comprising a computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for handling tasks associated with the processing of an insurance related claim, the computer program comprising: a data component that stores, retrieves and manipulates data utilizing a plurality of functions; and a client component having a user interface for processing said insurance related claims and including: an adapter component that transmits and receives data to/from the data component, a business component that serves as a data cache and includes logic for manipulating the data, and a controller component adapted to handle events generated by a user utilizing the business component to cache data and the adapter component to ultimately persist data to a data repository, wherein the client component is adapted for allowing a user to define tasks, during the execution phase of the program that processes the tasks and rules, by way of the user interface of the client component, wherein said tasks are carried out by a claim handler to achieve a goal upon completion, allowing the user to define the rules, during the execution phase of the program that processes the tasks and the rules, by way of the user interface of the client component, wherein said rules dictate which of the said tasks to select based on predetermined events defined in said rules, ~receiving at least one event, automatically generating a task based on the received event in accordance with the rules and outputting the task, as claimed in independent claims 1, 8, 15, 41, 46, and 50, in conjunction with remaining claim provisions.

The dependent claims, being further limiting to the independent claims, definite and enabled by the Specification are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Comments

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

As allowable subject matter has been indicated, Applicant's response must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CRF 1.111(b) and MPEP section 707.07(a).

Points of Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sana Al-Hashemi whose telephone number is 571-272-4013. The examiner can normally be reached on 8Am-4:30Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pierre Vital can be reached on 571-272-4125. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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